WHEREAS, October 7, 1915, marked the entry into the world in Clark County, South Dakota, of one Robert J. Bickett; and,

WHEREAS, Bob graduated from Watertown High School in 1933 and moved to Mobildge in 1934, where he was employed in the appliance business; and,

WHEREAS, Bob volunteered for military service on June 30, 1941, and served until anuary 16, 1946, when he retired from the Army as a First Lieutenant; and,

WHEREAS, On November 10, 1945, Bob and Army Lieutenant Rosemary Johnson were united in matrimony at Camp Butner, North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, Since that time they have become the proud parents of ten fine children; and,

WHEREAS, in 1967 Bob began his employment with the South Dakota Veterans Department, becoming Director of the Division of Veterans Affairs in 1973; and,

WHEREAS, September 2, 1977, marks the retirement of Bob as Division Director; and,

WHEREAS, I have immensely enjoyed my association with Bob, and on behalf of all South Dakotans, and the veterans in particular, I want to thank him for his outstanding, loyal and dedicated service to his fellowman; and,

WHEREAS, The retirement of Bob is worthy of public recognition in the State of South Dakota, and it is fitting and proper that the Governor make note of this special occasion:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Covernor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 2, 1977, as

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in South Dakots, and join with his many friends and associates in wishing him and his lovely Rosemary many enjoyable and rewarding years of retirement, filled with an abundance of good health and happiness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

CORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE